

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE
WEBB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
MEETING OF APRIL 30, 2001
LAREDO, TEXAS**

Let it be remembered that a regular meeting of the Webb County Commissioners was held at 9:00 a.m. at the regular meeting place with the following members present to wit:

Mercurio Martinez, Jr.
Jerry Vasquez
Judith Gutierrez
Felix Velasquez
Miguel Urdiales

County Judge
Commissioner Prct. #1
Commissioner Prct. #2
Commissioner Prct. #3
Commissioner Prct. #4

Thus constituting a quorum, the Commissioners Court proceeded to act upon the agenda as posted in the meeting notice of the 27th of April 2001. Present also were Selina G. Reyes, Deputy County Clerk, representing Mr. Henry Flores, Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court, various officers and others interested in the business of the court.

01-04-167

1. Call to order – Judge Martinez

Invocation – Mr. William N. Hall, Jr.

Pledge of allegiance – Said by all

01-04-168

2. Approval of minutes –

Motion to accept the minutes as submitted with the following correction:

Page 4. – Should state the monthly reports were submitted for the record
not records.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Second: Commissioner Urdiales

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

01-04-169

3. Communications –

City of Laredo EMS/Fire calls to Webb County for the month of March 2001.

TNRCC notices.

Commissioner Velasquez announced that the Webb County employees picnic held on Saturday had been a huge success, and thanked everyone involved.

Motion to move up item **01-04-171 5. Proclamations/Resolutions :**

Moved: Commissioner Velasquez

Second: Commissioner Gutierrez

Motion to accept a Proclamation for “Law Week” for the week of April
28 – May 5, 2001.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Second: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to accept a Proclamation for “Soil & Water Stewardship Week”

Moved: Judge Martinez
Second: Commissioner Urdiales

For: 5
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Motion to accept a Resolution for “Safety & Health Month in Webb County”
for the month of May.

Moved: Commissioner Urdiales
Second: Commissioner Velasquez

For: 5
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Motion to accept a Proclamation for “Community Action Agency Month”.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez
Second: Commissioner Urdiales

For: 5
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Motion to accept all reports as submitted.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez
Second: Commissioner Urdiales

For: 5
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Motion to move up item **01-04-172 6. – c. (5., 6. & 7.):**

Moved: Commissioner Velasquez
Second: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 0
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Mr. Carlos Villarreal, Executive Administrator updated the court on the 1999 and 2000 Bond issues with remaining balances.

Motion to accept a Resolution to borrow \$ 1.5 million in funds from Series 1999 and 2000 issues to fund International Bridge fund to be reimbursed from future sale of 2001 bond issue.

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez
Second: Commissioner Urdiales

For: 5
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Motion to enter into a Professional Service Contract Agreement between Webb County and BKSH & Associates, Washington D.C. for tasks and legal services related to the International Bridge V Project. Cost will be \$ 12,500/month plus tangible expenses. Term of contract is one year with an additional one year option, ordering as per V.T.C.A., Local Government Code §262.024 an exemption from V.T.C.A. Local Government Code §262.023 (competitive bidding/competitive proposal requirements) and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents.

Moved: Commissioner Velasquez
Second: Commissioner Urdiales

For: 5
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

For the record, Commissioner Urdiales was excused from the meeting.

Motion to move up item **09-04-175 9. – c. }**

Moved: Commissioner Urdiales
Second: Commissioner Velasquez

For: 4
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Motion to enter into the following funding Agreement (general funds) with the following organization, as per the adopted 2000-2001 year budget and authorize the County Judge to sign all relevant documents and any matter incident thereto.

Laredo Protective Society \$ 15,000.00

6. – c. (4.)

Motion to defer this item:

Action regarding Resolution related to House Bill # 3571 regarding the enforcement of criteria for exportation of tangible goods and exemption from taxes.

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez
Second: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 4
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

01-04-172

6. – a.

Motion to approve a line item transfer as follows:

From: Acct. 001-5001-5602 (county mileage) \$ 3,500.00
To: Acct. 001-5001-5601 (adm. travel) \$ 2,000.00
6402 (repairs/maint.equip.) \$ 1,500.00

Total \$ 3,500.00

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez
Second: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 4
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

6. – b. & c.

Motion to approve a line-item transfer for Extension Office :

From: acct. 001-1043-5601 (adm. travel) \$ 1,000.00

To: acct. 001-1043-6205 (mat./supplies) \$ 1,000.00

and a line item transfer for J.P. Alfredo Garcia, Pct. 3:

From:

001-1043-5601 (adm. travel) \$ 1,000.00

001-1043-6205 (mat./supplies) \$ 1,000.00

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Second: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

6. – c.

Motion to approve line-item transfer as follows:

From: acct. 001-0101-6205 (mat.supplies) \$ 3,000.00

6022 (prof.service) \$ 2,000.00

6402 (repairs/maint.equip.) \$ 1,000.00

Total \$ 6,000.00

To: 001-0101-6007 (due s/membership p) \$ 6,000.00

6. – c. (2.)

Motion to include Commissioner Felix Velasquez on the scoring committee effective 5-1-2001.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Second: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

6. – c. (3.)

Motion to officially create and appoint the 2001 Redistricting Committee for Webb County as follows:

Felix Velasquez, Cmsr. Pct. 3, Chair
Judith Gutierrez, Cmsr. Pct. 2, Vice-Chair
Homero Ramirez, Webb County Attorney
John Beckelhymer, Elections Administrator
Rhonda Tiffin, Planning Director
Judge Danny Valdez

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez
Second: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 4
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

6. – c. (5.)

Motion to enter into a Professional Service Contract Agreement between Webb County and BKSH & Associates, Washington D.C. for tasks and legal services related to the International Bridge V Project. Cost will be \$ 12,500/month plus tangible expenses. Term of contract is one year with an option, and ordering as per V.T.C.A. Local Government Code §262.024 an exemption from V.T.C.A. Local Government Code §262.023 (competitive bidding/competitive proposal requirements) and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez
Second: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 4
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

6. – d.

Motion to approve a line item transfer:

From: acct. 001-1102-6028 (witness expenditure) \$ 500.00

To: acct. 001-1102-6001 (office supplies) \$ 500.00

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez

Second: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

6. – e.

Motion to approve refunds as follows:

? Principal Residential Mortgage, Inc.

Reason: Payment made in error

Total refund: \$ 1,342.47

? International Bank of Commerce

Reason: Payment made in error for 1999 & 2000

Total refund: \$ 649.04

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez

Second: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

6. – f.

Motion to issue/ratify “Certifications regarding compliance with plat requirements and the connection of utilities” to authorize utility connections to the following properties:

Connection(s) qualifying under Sec. 232.029 (i), TLGC

? Tract 53, Unit IV, Rancho Penitas west Subdivision (electricity – 1 dwelling)

? Lot 13, Block 3, Colorado Acres Subdivision (electricity – 1 dwelling)

? Tract 230, Ranchitos Las Lomas II Subdivision (electricity – 1 dwelling)

? Lot 12, Block 2, Los Altos Phase II Subdivision (electricity – 2 dwellings for a total of 3 dwellings only)

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez
Second: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 4
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

**6. – g.
(1.)**

Motion to enter into a contract with Haynes and Boone, L.L.P. to conduct a 6.5 hour training seminar on Personnel Law at a cost of \$ 3,698 to be held at the Holiday Inn Civic Center on Monday, May 21, 2001.

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez
Second: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 4
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

6. – h.

Motion to approve a line item transfer: (This request is made to purchase an Emulsion Storage Tank to store Emulsion required for the “Durapatcher” asphalt patching machine).

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez
Second: Commissioner Velasquez

For: 4
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

6. – i.

Motion to authorize the payment of the final bill to Air Weld, Inc. in the amount of \$ 14,899.99 for the improvements made to the bays of the Quad-City Fire Station.

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez
Second: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 4
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

6. – j.

Motion to approve a line-item transfer:

From: Acct. # 001-2502-6011 (training/ed.) \$ 2,000.00
6005 (postage) \$300.00
5601 (adm. travel) \$ 550.00

To: Acct. # 001-2502-6403 (repairs/maint.vehicle) \$ 2,000.00
6202 (uniforms) \$ 850.00

Total \$ 2,850.00

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez
Second: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 4
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

6. – k.

Motion to request authorization for an extension to the Professional Services contract for Francisco Saldana, Jr. for legal services regarding the Self-Help Center Project – TCDP Contract # 718003 up t August 9, 2001 in the amount of \$ 4,000.00 (Grant monies – No cost to the County).

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez
Second: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 4
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

01-04-173

7. – a. – g.

Motion to approve the submission of Third Party Funding application to the City of Laredo for Elderly Nutrition Program and Meals on Wheels Program for Fy 2001-2002 for a total amount of \$ 68,000.00 and;

Approve the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program budget amendments as per additional monies of \$ 160,000 for Fy 2001 (The primary emphasis of the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program has been on meeting the immediate home energy needs of those with low income and high relative energy burdens, with a secondary emphasis on reducing the energy needs and costs of

such households) and;

Approve the Community Service Block Grant additional allocation for Fy 2001 in the amount of \$ 48,000 (State has already approved allocation with needs to submit county approval to TDHCA by May 2, 2001) and;

Approve salary adjustments to the following slots under the Social Services Program effective 4-23-2001 (No impact on General Fund – Grant Monies):

Slot -	From -	To -
# 1155 Center Coordinator	\$ 16,436.00	\$ 18,000.00
# 1153 – Center Coordinator	\$ 16,436.00	\$ 18,000.00
# 1157 – Center Coordinator	\$ 16,436.00	\$ 18,000.00
# 1156 – Center Coordinator	\$ 16,436.00	\$ 18,000.00
# 1412 – Center Coordinator	\$ 16,436.00	\$ 18,000.00
# 1158 – Center Coordinator	\$ 16,436.00	\$ 18,000.00

and; approve to a title change to the following slots in the Social Services program effective 4-23-2001:

Slot -	From -	To -
# 1291 # 1778	Operations Assistant P.C. Specialist/Program Support Assistant	Area Services Manager Operations/ Technical Assistant

and; fill slot # 1154 9Center Coordinator-fulltime) at an annual salary of \$ 16,436.00 effective April 30, 2001 and;

Approve the Weatherization Assistance Program Grant Allocation for Fiscal Year 2001-2001 (State has already approved allocation to CAA as of 4-20-01).

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez
Second: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 4
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

01-04-174

8. – a.

Motion to purchase one eight passenger van from Philpott Motors in reference to Bid # 2000-61, Proposal # 6577, for the Community Action Agency Self Help Center in the amount of \$ 21,370.00.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez
Second: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 4
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

8. – b.

Motion to purchase one Vulcan Gas Double Section convection oven item #SG440 from top pf he table, Inc., in the amount of \$ 7,860 (amount does not include installation) for the Webb County Head Start Center Program.

Moved: Commissioner Velasquez
Second: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 4
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

8. – c.

Motion to purchase the Maintenance Program for the 911 Addressing Program from “ESRI” in the amount of \$ 6,364.32 for the Planning Department (Acct. # 010-0102-6222).

Moved: Commissioner Velasquez

Second: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

**** For the record, Commissioner Urdiales is now present.

8. – d.

Motion to fill the following slots:

Slot #110 (Assistant Purchasing Agent II) @ \$ 11.69 an hour

Slot # 113 (Commodity Receiving Clerk) @ \$ 9.54 an hour Slot # 114

Slot #114 (Clerk Secretary) @ \$ 6.61 an hour

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Second: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

8. – e.

Motion to solicit proposals for the operation of the County Horse & Carriage Program.

Moved: Commissioner Urdiales

Second: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

8. – f.

Motion to solicit bids for 102 tactical protective vests (grant funds – U.S. Department of Justice in the amount of \$ 21,052.97 with County match of \$ 21,052.97 for the Webb County Sheriff's Department.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Second: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

8. – g.

Motion to purchase additional disk (80GB) storage for the main frame computer (AS/400) from Business Integrators, Inc., in the amount of \$ 13,500 to allow storage for imaging land and court records (Records Management Acct. # 009-1120-6205).

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Second: Commissioner Velasquez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

8. – h.

Motion to solicit bids to purchase the Peripheral Network Equipment for the county's existing network from acct # 608-0501-8804.

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez

Second: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

09-04-175

9. – a.

Motion to enter into an authorized Provider Agreement between The American Red Cross and Webb County for the delivery of educational services and Training materials to the Head Start Program under the American Red Cross Community first aid and safety program at the equipment/book/price list and rental fees described in the agreement, commencing on April 1, 2001 and ending December 31, 2001, and ordering an exemption from Sec. 262.023 Local Government Code (competitive bidding and competitive proposal requirements) and authorize the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez

Second: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

9. – b.

Motion to approve a Non-Financial Agreement with the American Association of retired persons foundation designating the Webb County Community Action Agency as a “host” agency to provide part-time job training opportunities in Webb County for Senior Community Service Employment Program participants commencing April 1, 2001 and ending September 30, 2001 and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez

Second: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

9. – d.

Motion to grant a Geophysical and Seismic Permit to Western Geco on 11.67 acres more or less, being tract 54 and part of tract 15, Abst. 22291, Las Pilas II and 2.0 acres more or less, tract 54 Abstract 2422 for \$ 25.00 an acre being \$ 341.88 and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez
Second: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 5
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

9. – e.

Motion to enter into a Contract Amendment number 1 with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TCDP Contract #720889 Water System Improvements for first time public water service to eleven households in Colonia Los Corralitos, purchase of tire shredder and construction of 3290 sq. ft. community center in Bruni, Texas) revising the performance statement by deleting the purchase of tire shredder and revising the budget by reallocating \$ 45,000.00 budgeted for the tire shredder the water facilities improvements in Corralitos and authorizing the County Judge to sign all documents.

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez
Second: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 5
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

9. – f.

Motion to enter into a Contract Amendment number 3 with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs 9TCDP Contract # 718003 Colonia Self Help center – Housing and Community Development Services, Infrastructure improvements and outreach and educational services for Colonia Los Altos, Tanquesitos I and II san Carlos and Ii and D-5 Acres) revising the performance statement and the budget and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Second: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

9. – g.

Motion to enter into Contract Amendment one with the Office of the Attorney General to extend the Cooperative agreement for IV-D Program (providing for reimbursement to the County for processing child support payment) from August 31, 2001 to August 31, 2002 and authorizing the County judge to execute all relevant documents.

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez

Second: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

9. – h.

Motion to execute the First and Final option to renew an original lease dated March 1, 2000 between Webb County and the City of Laredo for the approximate 300 sq. ft. constituting suite 9 of building S-1 located at 1718 E. Calton Road at the Laredo International Airport with the new term commencing March 1, 2001 and ending February 28, 2002 and at monthly rental of \$ 465.30 and authorize the County Judge to execute all relevant documents.

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez

Second: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

9. – i.

Motion to accept by Order , Right-of-Way dedications from property owners in San Carlos Subdivision, Phase I, out of the following tract:

San Carlos Phase I

Lot 7 Block 6 – Felipe Alonzo Esparza and Elsa Nora Rodriguez

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Second: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

9. – j.

Motion to enter into a Lease Purchase Agreement with Associates Commercial Corporation for one 1995 used freight line model FL70 van with mounted 2001 durpatcher machine as awarded by the Commissioners Court on February 12, 2001 at a cost of \$ 75,018.70 payable in 12 quarterly payments of \$ 6,251.56 and authorize the County Judge to execute all relevant documents.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Second: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

9. – k.

Motion to enter into a Professional Services Contract between Webb County for the Head Start program and the South Texas Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse to provide substance abuse counseling services to Head Start Program Families for a term beginning May 1, 2001 and ending August 31, 2001 at no cost as specified in the Local Government Code §2262.024, an exemption from V.T.C.A. Local Government Code §262.023 (competitive bidding/competitive proposal requirements)and authorize the County Judge to execute any and all relevant documents (Head Start).

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez

Second: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

9. – l.

Motion to execute Grant Agreement No. VCR 0104 (22) Between the State of Texas, acting through the Texas Department of Transportation, and Webb County in the amount of \$ 118,000 further described as the State/Local Grant Agreement Capital Investment Program to pay for one type 11 bus, effective Upon execution and ending April 14, 2001 and authorize the County Judge to execute all relevant documents (CAA).

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Second: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

9. – m.

Motion to authorize the Purchasing Agent to develop and solicit bids for a Type II bus, pursuant to the requirements of Texas Department of Transportation Grant Agreement # VCR 0104 (22).

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez

Second: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

9. – n.

Motion to amend the Court Fees and Fines Collection Services Contract between Webb County and Linebarger, Heard, Googan, Blair Graham, Pena & Sampson, L.L.P. by clarifying the payment of services to 30% of the total collected exclusive of any amounts due to the State or other Government Agency and authorize the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Second: Commissioner Velasquez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

9. – o.

Motion to enter into a Grant Agreement between the Texas Transportation Institute and Webb County for the purchase of one 15 passenger van to be used in support of activities related to the Community Resource Center, Texas A & M for Colonias on FM1472, Penitas West and those on Highway 59 and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez
Second: Commissioner Velasquez

For: 5
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez
Second: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 5
Against: 0
Abstain: 0